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**PENNSYLVANIA MAN PLEADS
GUILTY TO COCAINE DISTRIBUTION**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka announced that Scott Simms, age 29, of Dallas, Pennsylvania, pled guilty Monday in U.S. District Court in connection with the distribution of cocaine in Manchester, New Hampshire in February, 2002. Simms admitted his guilt to three counts in an indictment during a hearing before U. S. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe. He was detained pending a sentencing hearing which is scheduled for November 25, 2003.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated, "The prosecution of this case and others like it represents the continuing efforts of local and state law enforcement, working jointly with the United States Attorney's Office, to keep out-of-state drug dealers from entering our state to commit their crimes."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the efforts of the Manchester Police Department, and the U.S. Marshal's Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.